

Proposed '73 Budget Tops \$5,000

Graham To Continue Preaching Declines Many Other Offers

MELROSE, Florida — Returning to the lakeside Bible conference grounds where he got his first invitation to preach a sermon, Evangelist Billy Graham reaffirmed his intention to continue preaching while declining job offers in the political, commercial and entertainment fields.

He made the statement in the hearing of Florida Governor Reubin Askew and two ministers who were responsible for his invitation to speak in a little church about 35 miles away 34 years ago.

Askew and Graham were speakers at a dinner honoring the Reverend John Minder, founder of Lake Swan Bible Conference near here and dean of Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity College at Dunedin) when the evangelist was a student there. Over 900 members of Florida and Georgia Christian and Missionary Alliance congregations were here for the program in which the camp's dining room-chapel complex was named for Minder and dedicated.

A special guest was the Reverend Cecil Underwood, the minister who proffered the first invitation to Graham. He had asked the now-famous evangelist at the suggestion of Minder, who had brought his student up from Tampa to help with a weekend of cleaning the campgrounds.

Graham recalled that he had prepared and rehearsed four sermons and then delivered them all in eight minutes that Sunday night to a congregation of about 30. Minder came to his rescue and concluded the service in the North Florida community of Bostwick.

The evangelist said "words can never express my appreciation" for the contributions made by Minder to his life and the lives of other students he has influenced.

One of Graham's first jobs at the Bible conference was washing dishes. He quipped that he also learned to "take up the collection" here. He learned to swim in Lake Swan while off duty, he told reporters.

The 70-acre camp, originally owned and developed by Minder, was deeded in 1958 to the Southeastern District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Presiding at the dedication service was the Reverend Paul Alford of Orlando, superintendent of the Alliance district which included Georgia and Florida. Offering the dedication prayer was the Reverend Nathan Bailey of New York City, president of the denomination.

Graham commented that he believed it was "of God" that two men (Minder and Florida Bible Institute founder William Watson) who were trained in the CMA came into his life at such a strategic time. His first regular ministerial responsibility was as an assistant to Minder, who also served as pastor of CMA's Tampa Gospel Tabernacle, he noted.

Governor Askew said "not too many people fully appreciate the impact this area had upon Dr. Graham's beginning ministry." He recalled several occasions when he and the evangelist have been together and said he believed Graham was called to be a preacher and not a politician.

Executive Applauded
The state's chief executive was applauded when he said he was confident Graham would continue to work as an evangelist.

During his address, Graham assured the governor that he had no intention of doing anything other than preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The evangelist listed some of the problems facing the world today

and acknowledged that governments have a role in solving them, but he emphasized that the Church has the greatest role. He paid tribute to the Christian and Missionary Alliance for its efforts to win men to Christ at home and in such distant mission fields as Southeast Asia.

Many "alumni" of the Lake Swan Bible Conference are at work spreading the Gospel around the globe, Graham said. He encouraged the audience to renew its dedication to evangelization of the world.

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NEW TITLES APPROVED

The SBC Executive Committee approved new job titles for three members of its staff headed by Porter Routh (right), executive secretary-treasurer. They are (from left) John Williams, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning; Albert McClellan, associ-

ate executive secretary and director of program planning; and W. C. Fields, assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations. (BP) Photo by Herschel Wells.

SBC Executive Committee Has Brief Business Session

NASHVILLE (BP) — In one of its shortest sessions in recent years, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention delayed final action on several major items on its agenda, devoting most of its September meeting to internal affairs.

The 63-member committee, in its major decisions, granted new titles to three of its executive staff members, approved a preliminary report on a study of a proposal to provide a counseling program for Baptist ministers, and approved a \$365,000 1973 operating budget.

The Executive Committee delayed, however, final decisions on several items that prompted lengthy debate in subcommittee sessions.

Postponed for final disposition were proposals by the SBC Brotherhood Commission to take over a tabloid newspaper and an independent lay movement organization as a subsidiary corporation, a decision on program assignment for SBC-wide bus ministry promotion, and a change in use of income from a trust fund now

going to provide scholarship aid for graduate students planning to teach in Baptist colleges.

New titles were granted to three executive staff members. Albert McClellan, formerly program planning secretary, was named associate executive secretary and director of program planning.

W. C. Fields, formerly public relations secretary, was appointed assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations.

John H. Williams, formerly financial planning secretary, was given the title, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning.

All three relate directly to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Routh has named McClellan as editor of the Baptist Program magazine effective Jan. 1, 1973. Leonard Hill is managing editor of the publication. Fields will assume additional duties as assistant to the executive secretary October 1.

President Owen Cooper

SBC Is Challenged To Raise \$1.5 Billion

NASHVILLE (BP) — Drawing on his business acumen as a fertilizer executive, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention challenged Southern Baptists to think big and raise \$1.5 billion for world missions in five years, and to send pastors "where the prospects are" instead of oversaturating the deep South with their churches.

Owen Cooper, president of the 11.8 million member convention and president of two chemical companies in Yazoo City, Miss., issued the challenge during an address to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee meeting here.

The head of the Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corps., spouting denomination and population sta-

istics like a computer, compared the number of Southern Baptist churches and members to the number of unchurched people estimated in the total populations in two associations, one in Ohio and the other in the deep South.

With a total population of 1.1 million and only 34 churches and chapels in the Ohio association, Cooper estimated there were 12,600 adult, unchurched prospects for each church and chapel.

But in the deep South association, there are 48 churches, saturating the area to the extent that there are only seven adult, unchurched prospects for each church.

"I am convinced that there is something wrong with the situation I have

outlined to you," Cooper said. "We aren't putting our salesmen where our prospects are."

He compared the denomination to his fertilizer company, saying they would never be successful if they kept an oversupply of salesmen in an area already saturated. Rather, they build new markets and send their best salesmen to new territories.

"You might not like this analogy," he quipped. "The kind of product might make the analogy bad."

Projecting slides that show Southern Baptist membership concentrated in the deep South and the major national population concentrated in the northeast, Cooper told the denominational leaders that "we must go where the people are."

College and Blue Mountain College to conduct their next development programs so they would not conflict with any campaign for Gulfshore funds.

This recommendation would be made by the Education Commission at the pre-convention session of the Convention Board to be held Nov. 14 so it could be acted on by the Board and also carried to the Convention for final action.

The Convention Board also approved four recommendations of its Executive Committee, Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, chairman, as follows:

The State Baptist WMU was authorized to borrow \$20,000 from the Convention Board's Operating Reserve to assist them in purchasing additional property near Camp Garaywa, to be repaid in three years. This action is also a recommendation that will go to the Convention for final action.

The second recommendation was adopted, giving the Board authority to appoint a committee of laymen in the state who would attempt to upgrade the compensation of pastors and other church staff members, using the facilities of the office of the executive secretary-treasurer in their programs of action.

The third recommendation adopted by the Board would allocate \$16,000 out of the 1972 Convention Board Program Expansion Item to the DeSoto Baptist Association to assist in the purchase of a church site in Southaven, located in the midst of a growing section containing over 1662 homes.

The fourth recommendation approved by the Board would permit the Convention's Order of Business Committee to have programs printed for the Youth Night service at the State Coliseum Nov. 16 so that the songs to be used could be printed on the programs.

The full report of the Assembly Study Committee was adopted by the Board, which included not only the campaign to raise \$1,250,000 but revealed that the Committee had been granted permission by the Executive Committee to employ the architectural firm of Caudill, Rowlett, and Scott to execute a site study and design concept incident to the rebuilding of Gulfshore Assembly as already voted by the State Convention.

- The architectural firm revealed that (Continued on page 2)

Pastor's Widow Reaps \$13,545 Benefit From \$110 Investment

DALLAS (BP) — Albert B. Parry paid less than \$110 into a retirement plan before he died in 1928, but his widow, Jennie Parry, who died in Los Angeles recently at age 92, drew \$13,545 in benefits over a 44-year span.

Officials of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here described the Parry file as one "unusual evidence of how a small investment can reap long years of benefits. You can't outlive your annuity."

They could not say definitely the 44 years set a record time for paying widow benefits, only that it could easily be.

Albert Parry was pastor of First Baptist Church, Santa Fe, N. M., when he entered the board's original retirement plan in January, 1927, and when he died of heart trouble in 1928.

Jennie Parry moved to Los Angeles after his death. She once worked for the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society, according to her daughter, Mrs. Ruth E. Glasgow, with whom she lived.

Crossing Barriers Marks Mission Strategy In SBC

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board released here its broad planning base for a national missions strategy in a document characterized by the crossing of barriers "to make disciples for Christ."

The agency's executive secretary, Arthur B. Rutledge, made the announcement to a meeting of state Baptist editors at the board's national offices.

Barres listed in the long range planning base included cultural-religious, social-economic, geographical, and scarce resources.

The document addressed itself to ministering to people of highly secularized lifestyles, overcoming distrust and hostility, recognizing the contribution of other Christian groups, developing the promoting techniques for direct engagement in social and moral problems, as well as developing coordinated strategies and procedures in such basic areas as church extension, metropolitan missions and evangelism.

Rutledge said the Home Mission Board, which employs 2,250 missionaries and spends more than \$15 million annually, is moving toward a stronger implementation of the development and promotion of a single, uniform missions program in the nation.

He said the over arching purpose of this program is "to assist churches, in crossing barriers to make disciples for Christ of all people in the homeland."

According to Rutledge, the concept of crossing barriers has been around for some time, but only now has it surfaced in official statements.

"The mission agency was created by the churches to cross barriers that are very difficult for a single church to cross, or sometimes all the churches in a state without a national organization," he said.

Rutledge has directed the mission agency for seven years, and before assuming his top executive position, he was director of the board's Division of Missions.

Under his leadership, the agency has moved by degrees toward the creation of an organization and the techniques which would produce a clearly defined national strategy. At the same time, he has led toward the needed correlation between the state Baptist units to implement the strategy.

When director of missions, Rutledge became the architect of formal state agreements, which eliminated duplicating mission programs in the states and placed most of the 2,250 missionaries under joint employment and under local supervision.

Later, as head of the agency he strengthened the national staff in their roles as specialists and as developers of a national strategy.

Explaining the present emphasis on (Continued on page 3)

Education Trends For '70s Outlined

NASHVILLE (BP) — A Baptist college president predicted here that higher education trends in this decade would force Baptist schools to enroll more women and racial minority groups as students and offer more employment opportunities and equal salaries to women and blacks.

Gordon W. Blackwell, president of Furman University in Greenville, S. C., outlined 10 trends "we can count on" in Baptist higher education during the remaining years of the 1970's. Blackwell was the major speaker for a special conference here for chairmen of state convention Christian education committees, commissions and councils from across the nation. Sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, it was the first time the state convention counterpart organization chairman had met together.

Blackwell, in outlining trends the educators could expect before 1980, said there would be 3 million more college students enrolled in the nation in the next seven years, but most of them would go to state universities and community colleges. He predicted that enrollments at 54 Baptist colleges and universities would not increase greatly.

The Baptist schools will be under more pressure to enroll racial minority students and women, he said, adding that it has been difficult for most (Continued on page 3)

Parochialism, College Aid Challenged

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Suits were filed today with the Washington State Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of state laws to provide public aid to parochial schools and church colleges.

The first suit, Weiss v. Bruns, contests a 1972 appropriation of \$200,000 designed to provide state aid to parochial schools by means of grants to individual students for tuition and other school costs.

The second suit, Weiss v. O'Brien, challenges a 1971 statute designed to aid church and privately owned colleges through tuition assistance.

Individual plaintiffs and the Americans United Research Foundation seek to have both programs voided as violating the Washington State and United States Constitutions.

Attorneys in both suits are John D. Blankinship and Jerry W. Spoonmore of Montgomery, Purdue, Blankinship and Austin, Seattle.

SBC Committee Has Business Session

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tee composed of Executive Committee members, SBC agency representatives, and state consultants to help evaluate work in the area being done by state conventions and SBC agencies.

A consultation a few weeks earlier had disclosed that 523 associational superintendents of missions surveyed had estimated that 3,000 full-time church ministers leave their jobs in Southern Baptist churches every three years — an estimated annual loss of 2 1/2 per cent.

Responding to another study, the Executive Committee reviewed implementation of recommendations "coming out of a depth analysis of Southern Baptist student work programs, saying that the committee felt "reasonable progress has been made in fulfilling the terms of the terms of the recommendations" from the study.

Rev. A. S. Johnston Dies

Funeral services for Rev. A. Sidney Johnston, 82, of Jackson were held Sept. 25 from Wright & Ferguson Chapel with Rev. Maurice Clayton and Dr. Joe H. Tuten officiating.

Mr. Johnston died suddenly Friday afternoon, Sept. 22, of an apparent heart attack.

He was a native of Simpson County, a graduate of Mississippi College and of Southwestern Seminary. He pastored First Church, Mt. Olive, Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Crestwood Church, Jackson; and Phalti Church, Prentiss, and retired in 1957, returning to Jackson to make his home.

His wife, the former Mary Maude Seidenspinner, preceded him in death in 1963.

Survivors are two daughters, Miss Elizabeth Johnston, Jackson, and Mrs. H. M. Paddelford, Jackson; one son, James R. Johnston, Houston, Texas; one sister, Mrs. F. B. Kenne, Nashville, Tenn.; two grandsons, and one great-granddaughter.

Deacon Of First, Jackson, Dies

A distinguished career in banking and civic leadership of over 51 years for W. P. McMullan, Sr. of Jackson was ended Sept. 22 by an apparent heart attack at his home. He was 70.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, Jackson, on Sept. 23 for the chairman emeritus of the board of the Deposit Guaranty National Bank.

Born in Sylva, Tenn. Jan. 29, 1902, he was educated in Mize and Mendenhall public schools and at Mississippi College.

He was a member of the board of trustees of the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital and a member and deacon at First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Surviving are his wife, the former Charlotte Yates; two sons, W. P. McMullan Jr. of Jackson and Paul W. McMullan of Hattiesburg; six grandchildren, three brothers, Milton of Newton, Dillard of Hattiesburg and John B., Jackson; four sisters, Mrs. Richard D. Smith and Mrs. Henry N. Brown, both of Jackson, Mrs. W. H. Turnage of Newton, and Mrs. C. K. Brown of Tupelo.

Services were held from First Church with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Dr. Larry Rohman, and Rev. Joe N. Triplett officiating.



Summit Doctor Works In Jordan

Dr. Benton Hewitt of Summit took a late summer "vacation" from his general medical practice to work in a mission hospital overseas. He worked 2 1/2 weeks at the Southern Baptist hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's Medical-Dental Volunteer Service.

Dr. Hewitt, above right, met an acute need at the hospital at a time when only one missionary doctor is present.

His services included surgery, obstetrics and seeing outpatients in a clinic four days a week.

Dr. Hewitt is a member of Summit's First Baptist Church, chairman of its group of deacons, and is active in Sunday School and the Baptist Brotherhood organization for men and boys.

Two resolutions were adopted, praising the contributions of a retiring executive secretary, and the role of a Baptist leader who recently died.

The resolutions paid tribute to the late T. L. Holcomb, who died six days earlier at the age of 89. For 18 years Holcomb was executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board. He also had been pastor of numerous churches, and executive secretary of both the Southern Baptist Foundation and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Another resolution honored W. Fred Kendall, who retires this year as executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

In other actions, the Executive Committee approved a public relations campaign seeking to communicate who Southern Baptists are to the people in the Northwest prior to the SBC's annual session in Portland, Ore., next June; selected the Hilton Hotel as the headquarters for the 1974 convention in Dallas; approved plans for conducting a capital needs program from 1974-79; and authorized a study of the method of distributing Cooperative Program funds to the six SBC seminaries.

The committee also extended to 1974 a \$2 million fund drive for the Radio - TV Commission, authorized the SBC Home Mission Board to borrow \$740,000 to purchase additional property; authorized a study of borrowing procedures for the SBC Home Mission Board Church Loans Division; and designated a \$24,292 estate bequeathed to the SBC by Marie F. Spears of Siloam Springs, Ark., to Cooperative Program capital funds.

Approval was granted to transfer the responsibility for promoting World Missions Conferences (formerly called Schools of Missions) from the SBC Home Mission Board, to the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

Items Considered Later

Several items, however, were left unfinished for consideration in later sessions of the committee, which meets twice annually between conventions.

A proposal by the SBC Brotherhood Commission to create a subsidiary corporation, Lay Ministries Inc., and assume publication of its tabloid newspaper, *Mission Action News*, drew opposition in two subcommittee meetings. Decision on the matter was delayed to allow time to obtain more information on the matter.

Glendon McCullough, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, said the proposal was made in an effort to bring into the mainstream of Baptist life the largest and most aggressive of several fragmented lay movements. James Johnson, a computer specialist from Arlington, Tex., who heads the organization, was named a part-time staff member of the commission Sept. 1.

Final determination of location of responsibility for promotion of bus ministries in Baptist churches was also delayed. The program committee was asked to continue study of the matter with the view of a signing the program to either the Home Mission Board or Sunday School Board.

After lengthy subcommittee discussion, the committee voted to continue for two years use of income from three trust funds for scholarships for graduate and post-graduate study for teachers in Baptist colleges and seminaries and to review again the use of the funds in 1974.

Presidents of SBC seminaries had requested that income from the trust funds be used for seminary study support, rather than Baptist college scholarships, arguing that there is less need today for teachers with doctor of philosophy degrees in some fields at Baptist colleges. The new proposal does include seminary professors.

Two motions referred to the Executive Committee by the SBC in Philadelphia were assigned to subcommittees for study and later report. One asked that dates of future conventions be changed to permit more laymen to attend, and the other asked a committee to studying SBC organizational structure to consider giving the Evangelism Division of the SBC Home Mission Board the status of a commission.

Revisions in program statements for the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Home Mission Board, and seminaries were given initial approval, for circulation to SBC agencies before final approval by the convention in Portland next June. A progress report on relations between the Radio - TV Commission and Foreign Mission Board was also adopted, with guidelines from the two agencies on relationships expected in one year.

The session closed with an inspirational message by Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and industrialist from Yazoo City, Miss.



Southern Baptist Editors Meet At HMB In Atlanta

On September 20-21, Southern Baptist state paper editors, along with some other SBC editors and Baptist Press representatives, were guests of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, for a briefing of the whole program of the Home Mission Board. Dr. Arthur Rutledge, Executive Secretary of the Board, along with almost all of the members of the executive and field staff of the board, participated in the conferences, group sessions, panels and other meetings of the two days. Editors attending are shown in this photograph, taken in front of the Home Board building. Front row, L. to R.: John Hurt, Baptist Standard, Texas; Eugene Whitlow, Baptist New Mexican; James Duncan, Capital Baptist, Washington, D. C.; Barry Garrett, Report from the Capital, Baptist Joint Committee, Washington, D. C.; L. H.

Moore, Ohio Baptist Messenger; Alvin C. Shackleford, Indiana Baptist; John Roberts, Baptist Courier, South Carolina; Toby Drain, Associate Editor, Biblical Recorder North Carolina; James Cole, Baptist Message, Louisiana; Gene Puckett, Maryland Baptist. Back row, L. to R.: Edgar Cooper, Florida Baptist Witness; Hudson Baggett, Alabama Baptist; W. Ross Edwards, Word and Way, Missouri; O. L. Bayless, Rocky Mountain Baptist, Colorado; Don McGregor, California Southern Baptist; John Hoskins, Associate, Kansas Baptist Digest; Robert Hastings, Illinois Baptist; Leonard E. Hill, Managing Editor, The Baptist Program, Nashville, Tenn.; Chauncey Daley, Western Recorder, Kentucky; Joe Odle, Baptist Record, Miss.

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the estimated cost of the facility would be \$2,981,000, unless there should be an unusual delay which would increase costs.

The Assembly Study Committee, Rev. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs, chairman and the Executive Committee made the Assembly report jointly, the complete adopted report to be carried to the Convention Nov. 14-16 for final action.

They recommendations of the Committee follow:

"1. That we adopt the design concept thus presented, with the understanding that many details yet have to be worked out and accept as realistic their estimate of a cost figure, when construction possibly could begin two years from now, of the sum of \$2,981,000.00.

"2. That the Budget Committee be instructed to include in each succeeding year's budget such amount for the Assembly Capital Needs program as may be deemed feasible.

"3. That, in the knowledge that the Convention has on hand the sum of approximately \$500,000.00, the Convention Board recommend to the Convention in its 1972 session that a Capital Funds Campaign be launched as soon as possible for no less than \$1,250,000.00, over and above such funds as may be on hand and may accrue from the Convention's annual budgets.

"That no further architectural service be contracted for until the full sum of \$1,250,000.00 is in hand.

"4. That, upon achievement of the Capital Funds goal, the Convention Board take such action concerning construction as at that time is deemed wise."

Cooperative Program Goal

The total budget goal for 1973 is \$5,200,000, compared to the current 1972 budget of \$4,600,000, an increase of \$600,000.

This proposed budget recommended by the Budget Committee of the Convention Board, Dr. John Barnes, Hattiesburg, chairman, will be presented to the State Convention which will meet Nov. 14-16 for final approval.

The new budget of \$5,200,000 includes a "basic" budget and an "advance" budget, the basic budget to be used for operational purposes and capital needs for all causes and the advance budget would be available for distribution to certain causes only after the basic budget has been reached.

The 1973 basic budget is \$4,650,000, the advance budget is \$560,000, making a total budget of \$5,200,000.

The new budget is divided into two principal sections, State Causes and

Southern Baptist Convention Causes. The 1973 basic budget allocates \$3,222,500 to State Causes with \$256,150 allotted to the advance budget, for a total outlay of \$3,603,650.

The total budget for State Causes includes \$125,000 anticipated from the annual Special Offering for State Missions and other designated funds.

The 1973 basic budget allocates \$1,427,500 to Southern Baptist Convention Causes with \$168,850 allotted in the advance budget, for a total of \$1,596,350. A total of \$10,000 in the Southern Baptist Convention budget goes to the

Northern Plains Baptist Convention, composed of North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, for pioneer missions, with the remainder going for Southern Baptist Convention Causes.

In the 1973 budget the section on State Causes is separated into three divisions as follows: Institutions and Agencies, Convention Board Programs, and Administration-Promotion.

In commenting on the new 1973 budget goal, Dr. Hudgins enthusiastically pointed to the fact that this is the first total budget goal of over \$5,

West Ellisville To Construct Two Buildings

West Ellisville Church, Ellisville, is planning to build a Family Life Building and a Pre-School Building.

The Family Life Building will be a pre-fabricated metal structure. Included in the building will be a gymnasium to be used for skating, basketball, volleyball, and other indoor games. The remaining downstairs area will consist of a kitchen, dressing rooms, and an equipment room.

The second floor will include additional game rooms, study rooms, and meeting rooms.

The Pre-School Building will be a separate unit. Modern floor plans will be used to provide facilities for children through age five, and a fully-equipped nursery will be included.

Rev. Hueston Adkins, pastor, states, "The estimated cost of the two buildings is \$80,000. Through these facilities, the church hopes to provide a ministry to all ages and bring people to Jesus Christ in a personal way."

Work is to begin immediately on the Family Life Building, with an expected completion date of the first of 1973. The Pre-School Building will be completed before the end of 1973.

Latest figures from the National Safety Council show that, in 1970, 400,000 people were permanently disabled by accidents. Of those people, whose disabilities ranged from stiffening of joints to complete paralysis, 170,000 were handicapped by accidents in motor vehicles.

1973 Cooperative Program Budget

Adopted By The State Convention Board Sept. 25

To Be Presented To the Mississippi Baptist Convention for Final Action Nov. 14-16

	1972 Total Budget (Adjusted)	1973 Basic Budget	1973 Advance Budget	1973 Total Budget
INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES				
Christian Education	890,000	890,000	110,000	1,000,000
Christian Ed. (Capt. Needs)	230,000	230,000		230,000
24 Children's Village	113,000	113,000		113,000
25 Ministerial Educ. Board	45,000	45,000		45,000
26 Baptist Hospital (Hardship Asst.)	42,000	42,000		42,000
27 Baptist Hospital (Capt. Needs)	40,000	40,000		40,000
11 Baptist Hospital (Educational)	10,000	10,000	10,000	20,000
28 Christian Action	46,200	48,000		48,000
29 Baptist Foundation	45,500	45,500		45,500
30 Historical Commission	12,500	12,500		12,500
64 W M U (Operational)	93,900	104,000		104,000
65 W M U (Programs)	24,000	24,000	5,000	29,000
66 Annuity Participation	270,000	270,000		270,000
45 Baptist Record	15,000	15,000		15,000
SUB TOTAL	1,852,100	1,889,000	125,000	2,014,000
BOARD PROGRAMS				
67 Sunday School	100,000	106,200		106,200
68 Church Training	77,300	85,000		85,000
69 Brotherhood	59,700	67,750		67,750
70 Church Music	56,150	61,500		61,500
71 B S U (Operational)	124,400	144,000		144,000
49 B S U (Capt. Needs)	40,000	40,000		40,000
72 National Baptists	77,600	84,200		84,200
73 Evangelism	34,825	43,000		43,000
74 Stewardship	74,500	79,750		79,750
75 Cooperative Missions	87,800	98,200		98,200
76 Associational Subsidies	50,000	55,000		55,000
80 Church Building Aid	11,000	11,000		11,000
81 Pastoral Aid	5,000	5,000		5,000
82 Building Services	29,800	31,800		31,800
83 Religious Education Association	350	350		350
84 Sanatorium Ministry	900	900		900
85 Promotion and Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000		5,000
86 Property and Maintenance	109,100	104,000		104,000
47 Property: Capital Needs	148,200	148,200		148,200
77 Convention Board Prog. Expansion	76,650		36,150	36,150
87 Social Security: Insurance	63,000	66,000		66,000
79 New Missions		15,000		15,000
46 S. B. C. Bible Conference	1,000	1,000		1,000
48 Gulfshore Assembly (Capt. Needs)			200,000	200,000
SUB TOTAL	1,231,275	1,252,850	256,150	1,509,650
LESS: State Mission Offering	100,000	125,000		125,000
NET SUB TOTAL	1,131,275	1,127,850	256,150	1,384,000
ADMINISTRATION--PROMOTION				
90 Convention Sessions	4,000	4,000		4,000
91 Conv. Annual; Diaries	17,000	17,000		17,000
92 Board and Com. Meetings	23,000	23,000		23,000
93 Exec. Sec'y-Treasurer Office	68,200	70,000		70,000
94 Business & Accounting Office	80,600	85,700		85,700
95 Special Program Promotion	10,825	5,950		5,950
SUB TOTAL	203,625	205,650		205,650
STATE CAUSES: GRAND TOTAL	3,187,000	3,222,500		3,603,650
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION CAUSES				
96 Southern Baptist Convention	1,403,000	1,417,500	168,850	1,586,350
97 Northern Plains Convention	10,000	10,000		10,000
SUB TOTAL	1,413,000	1,427,500	168,850	1,596,350
GRAND TOTAL ALL ITEMS	4,600,000	4,650,000	550,000	5,200,000

WMU Ladies Write Tribute In Memory Of Mrs. Simmons

The members of Silver Creek Woman's Missionary Union, Pike Association, have prepared a memorial tribute to Mrs. Janie Brumfield Simmons, acknowledging her love and faithfulness to her Lord, her church, and the WMU work. It states:

"Her dedication for missions showed her compassion to all people. Her knowledge of the Bible and her desire and willingness to share with others are just a few of the many things that we could name.

"Her memory and the good deeds that she did will live on in the lives of those who have been touched by this one who loved and lived for Jesus."

NASHVILLE—Sunday School workers came in record numbers to the Birmingham Association to attend a Sunday School Leadership Conference, Sept. 11-13 in Birmingham, Ala. Conference meetings were held simultaneously in the Huffman Baptist Church, Central Park Baptist Church and Shades Mountain Baptist Church, with identical programs at each site for the morning and evening sessions. Total registration was 2,153, with an average attendance of 1,673. According to Royce Bryant, Associational Sunday School director for the Birmingham Association and director of visitation and adult work at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, this training school was "the largest ever in the Birmingham association and as far as I know, the state of Alabama."

Dutch Baptists To Hold Fall Assembly

The date and place for the general assembly of the Union of Baptist Churches in the Netherlands have been set for October 25-27, in Sneek. This is the first time Baptists of the Netherlands have held their assembly in the fall.

FORT WORTH, Texas — The Fall enrollment at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS) reached an unprecedented record of 2,019 students, an increase of 99 over a year ago. This includes 53 students from Mississippi. The former record had been set in the Fall of 1957 when 2,005 students were enrolled. "Although the enrollment in seminaries in the United States has declined during the last decade," said Seminary President Robert E. Naylor, "Southwestern has experienced a gradual increase since the low enrollment of 1,560 in 1966."

FORT WORTH—The name of the game is "up-dating the excellent" as the Radio Department at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission presents new, now musical sounds to identify the Commission's four radio programs. New musical identifications and backgrounds have been—or are in the process of being—recorded for "MasterControl," "Powerline," "Country Crossroads" and "The Baptist Hour." Some changes are more obvious than others. In "The Baptist Hour," for instance, the only chance will be the recording of additional songs to be used in the program. The music of The Centurymen and Cynthia Clawson will be featured. The "Country Crossroads" identification, featuring the Jordanaires, was recorded from a Buryl Red arrangement. A new "Powerline" theme, and "Angles," are being recorded in Nashville by Claude Cox, the program's producer. "When 'Powerline' was begun several years ago the theme featured the music of the top 40 songs," Mr. Malone explained. "Today's top 40 songs are more middle-of-the-road than rock so the new theme must reflect that. We also felt we should reflect the sounds of the 70s so we asked Mr. Red to provide us with a new 'MasterControl' theme. He created 'Seaside Memories' which has been recorded in Nashville—the first change in the 'MasterControl' theme since its beginning."

Burundi Situation Called "Staggering"

"The proportions of the human tragedy which the people of Burundi are experiencing are staggering." This is the conclusion of a three-man mission sent by the United Nations in late June to investigate Burundi's humanitarian needs in the wake of the recent intertribal massacres that have taken tens of thousands of lives in that small central African country," reports the "Christian Science Monitor," a daily newspaper published in the United States by Christian Scientists. The report appeared in its issue of August 3, 1972.

The "Monitor" says that the mission was told that "500,000 persons, including 50,000 widows and tens of thousands of orphans, are experiencing great suffering and are in need of humanitarian assistance." In addition, 40,000 Burundis have sought refuge from the killings in neighboring countries and are in need of care."

Swedish People React To TV Programs

In Sweden about 7,000 persons have reacted against the many television programs showing sex and violence by canceling their television licenses and getting rid of their TV sets.

Two years ago, when Swedish Television revealed plans to start a children's program at 9:30 a. m. on Sunday, so many people objected that the project was dropped. But now similar plans are being made for the airing of a children's program on Sunday mornings.

Sunday schools have a strong influence in Sweden, where it is estimated that 30 per cent of the children attend and that attendance is increasing.

Crossing Barriers Marks

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a national strategy, Rutledge said Southern Baptists have just now accumulated an adequate body of experience as a nationwide organization. Only since 1963 has the denomination had some of its more than 33,000 churches in all 50 states.

"This national experience has helped us see our weaknesses and our strengths," he added. "In addition, with the growth of our programs and the number of missionaries, we realized we were not correlating our own work."

"Sometimes we looked like four or five different agencies with programs operating independently."

The work of the agency includes evangelism, church extension, language missions, Christian social ministries, church loans, chaplaincy, associational administration, work with National Baptists, interfaith witness, rural-urban missions, and metropolitan missions.

This need for correlation brought about a major reorganization of the agency two years ago, the first in 12 years, and "that's a long time with as much change as we have in our society," he said.

The reorganization grouped the departments and divisions of the agency into three sections. All programs went into one section, all supporting services into another, and a new section came into being for planning and coordination.

It is out of this new section that the national strategy is arising. "We had to develop a plan whereby we would

not be making off-the-cuff decisions," he said.

Coordinators For 4 Regions

The new section provides coordinators for four regions of the nation, and these coordinators work primarily with leadership in the 33 state conventions and the program leadership of the agency in long range planning.

"This has facilitated the exchange of ideas," Rutledge said. "We don't have unilateral decisions anymore. They are funneled through a planning process."

"We are moving into planning much farther in advance than in the past. Within the next 12 months we will have the board outline for the period 1973-1979."

"Then year by year we will set annual goals to move toward that ultimate objective," Rutledge said.

Realizing that long range planning keeps you from moving quickly, "We are building in enough flexibility that when an opportunity comes to our attention that needs action within 30 days we should be able to take advantage of it," he said.

Rutledge hopes to keep the flexibility and creativity which has characterized the agency within recent years and has given rise to new techniques and methods in missions in resort areas, inner-cities, and with most of the nation's ethnic groups.

Agreeing that the new planning is basically a systematic way of establishing priorities, Rutledge said that geographically the number one priority will be the northeast because of the newness of the work, the huge

Education Trends...

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Baptist schools to recruit black students because of high tuition costs, lack of scholarship resources, and high admissions standards.

"If we really believe what we say about the morality of racial equality, we will have to hire more blacks on Baptist college faculties," he said. Furthermore, the schools must give equal salaries and employment opportunities for women.

Most Baptist colleges, which have curricula for women students but not for men, may not be able to do so in the future, he added.

Blackwell also predicted the schools would have increased budgets and costs, but not enrollments, thus forcing possible tuition cost increases. "And we already may have reached the turning point beyond which tuition cannot be increased much more without making education too expensive for the student to afford," he added. The gap, he said, between state university tuition and Baptist college tuition is closing, however, because of increases in the state university tuition rates.

Citing a trend in 33 states toward some form of tuition equalization, Blackwell said there is a strong likelihood that public funds will be available to help students overcome this tuition differential. "We can expect expanded federal programs in this area, geared to help the disadvantaged," he said.

Blackwell added that there is need for reinterpretation of church-state relations in this regard. He said he could not see how anyone could hold the view that such tuition equalization aid violates church-state separation since the aid goes to the student, not the institution.

"If students at Baptist schools are ruled ineligible for such aid, I believe we would move toward a state monopoly in higher education," Blackwell said.

Other trends Blackwell cited include higher standards of accountability for college programs, more experimentation with new forms of college government increasingly involving student and faculty participation, use of technological advances in teaching and increased flexibility in academic affairs.

In a question period, he disagreed with plans by the federal government to study the possibility of taking over accreditation standards, saying "this should be resisted in every way possible. The regional accrediting agen-

cies are a much more effective way of handling accreditation," he said.

Blackwell added that he did not think denominational colleges would lose their tax exempt status during this decade, but he was deeply concerned that Congress might pass tax laws that would make it more difficult for the schools to raise money.

Finally, Blackwell cited a trend toward increased concern for the impact of spiritual values of the colleges, and improved relationships with the denomination. At Furman, for example, he said he was appointing the next day a special task force to study the purpose of Christian higher education.

"We may have to restate our goals and objectives as Baptist institutions," Blackwell said.

"We must understand that anti-intellectualism is not a mark of God's favor but is against God's will. Our task," he concluded, "is to help lengthen the distance between man and animal, and to shorten the distance between man and God."

In another address to the conference, Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the SBC Education Commission which sponsored the meeting, told the education chairmen he was convinced that "denominational colleges are here to stay."

Admitting that "it is possible that we may not retain all the denominational colleges we now have," Fisher emphasized, however, that denominational schools fill a void in secular education that is vital to the nation.

Saying that "secular education is drifting at sea," Fisher charged that "there is a new religion in this country, and it is secularism." He pointed out that he did not believe, however, that society would opt for the morality and ethics of the secular society.

"A good word for God needs to be said, and Baptist colleges are saying it." In response to secularism, there seems to be developing a deeper manifestation of religion that we've seen in recent years, he observed.

Fisher said he had never seen more genuine interest among administrators, trustees, and faculties at Baptist schools toward developing a deeper spirit of cooperation between the colleges and the denomination. And a good denominational relationship is the "keystone in the arch of support of Christian higher education," he said.

Only one American farm in one thousand is operated by a "giant" corporation, according to 1969 data released by the Census Bureau.

Mission Strategy In SBC

set for May 6 through 10, 1974, will be laymen, pastors, associational workers, and state and national convention leaders concerned with the association in Southern Baptist life.

Loan Ceiling Raised

The ceiling on loans from the Southern Baptist home Mission Board for churches throughout the denomination was raised by \$50,000, which upped the loan ceiling from \$125,000 to \$175,000.

Robert H. Kilgore of Atlanta, director of the board's division of church loans, said the increase, effective immediately, is an effort to be more available to more churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The church loans division assists churches with loans for the purchase of new or existing property, building extension, and remodeling.

Mrs. Artie Bratcher,

81, Emeritus-SBC

Missionary, Dies

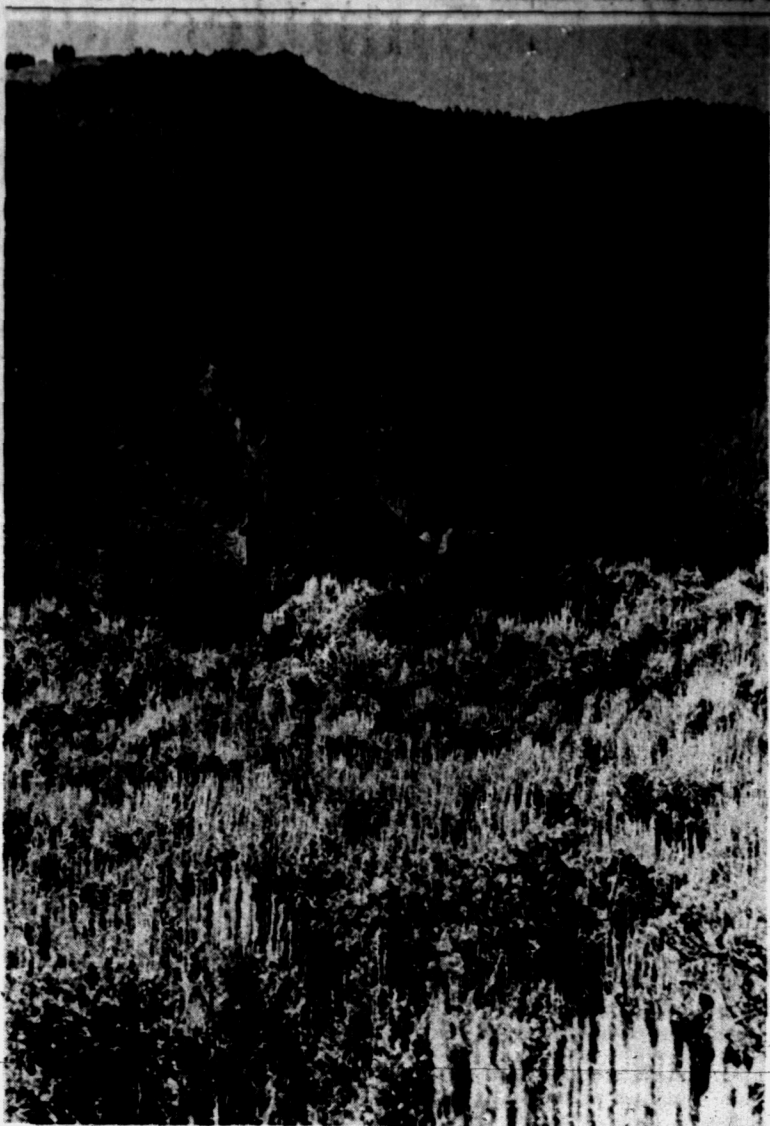
LOUISVILLE (BP)—Mrs. Artie Bratcher, 81, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil died Sept. 15 in Louisville, Ky.

A funeral service was held Sept. 18 with burial in Caneyville, Ky. Mrs. Bratcher, who had been in declining health for several years, was a resident of Wesley Manor Methodist Home in Louisville.



SEMINARY DEANS MEET

Deans from 17 of the 26 centers of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary recently gathered at the Seminary headquarters on Ridgeway and Delta Drive for their annual conference. Last year the Mississippi Baptist Seminary enrolled 2,349. Inclusive in this number were 303 ministers, 450 women, 554 laymen, 237 young people, and 505 children. Many of the centers will begin classes October 2, according to Dr. T. B. Brown, president.



Church In The Mountains

ASPEN, Colo.—High in the mountains of Colorado, the Mennonites have built this beautiful church to serve those who come to the Aspen area for winter and summer sports.—(RNS Photo by Don Rutledge)

SBC Is Challenged

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budget plan, the Cooperative Program, is concerned. They need a big challenge.

Cooper, with the help of his staff, estimated the total income of the 11.8 million Southern Baptists to be about \$41.3 billion.

Thus, Baptists spend about \$12 billion for housing and household operation, \$11 billion for food, \$6.5 billion for transportation, \$3 billion for medical service, \$2 billion for recreation, and less than \$1 billion for the church. Baptists give about two per cent of their income to the church, obviously far less than the 10 per cent tithe taught by the Bible, he said.

Asking if Baptists will give, Cooper answered with an emphatic yes, citing historical evidence, if they are really challenged.

In 1919, in a campaign to raise \$75 million in five years, Baptists pledged \$82 million in one year and raised \$58 million in actual receipts.

To equal that feat today, based on the difference in per capita income for Baptists, the denomination could raise \$1.5 billion, Cooper asserted.

Today, however, the denomination raises most of its mission funds through the Cooperative Program unified budget plan, which receives contributions of about \$90 million annually. In five years, the Cooperative Program will produce \$500 million, he predicted.

Subtract that \$500 million from the potential receipts if the \$75 million campaign results were duplicated today, and Baptists "have an unclaimed one billion dollars available."

"It is my firm belief," he argued, "that Southern Baptists will lose hundreds of millions of dollars in the next five years by not asking."

Dramatically illustrating individual per capita giving trends among Southern Baptists, Cooper held up some purchases he made earlier at a dis-

count store and compared their costs to what the average Baptist gives to specific SBC causes.

Holding up a bottle of hair tonic that cost 77 cents, Cooper said it was far more than a per capita average of 53 cents a year the typical Southern Baptist gives to home missions through the Cooperative Program.

Adding a spray antiseptic costing \$1.28 to the illustration, Cooper compared it to the \$1.33 the average Southern Baptist gives to foreign missions through the Cooperative Program.

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EDITORIAL

A Nickel On The Offering Plate

The regular Sunday evening offering was being taken in our church. I was sitting in the audience as a worshiper. When the plate came to my hands to be passed on to those sitting on the same pew, there was one lonely nickel lying on its velvet surface.

I do not know who had placed that nickel there. Already the plate had passed by dozens of worshipers, and evidently for most of them, like myself, the offering had been made at an earlier service, or in the Sunday school.

Probably this nickel was given by one of the little children sitting as a group down near the front of the sanctuary. If so, it gave evidence that a little child was learning lessons of church support, and later as that child grew the nickel would turn into much larger gifts.

It could have been that the nickel was placed on the plate by one of the dear elderly saints also in the pews ahead of me, and it could have been given in love and sacrifice out of someone's meager income.

I'll never know who gave that nickel, but someone did, and as it passed me by, gleaming from its cushion in the middle of that plate, it set me to thinking.

A nickel is not much in today's world. It will not buy a paper, or a soft drink. It will not buy a sandwich, or even a pack of gum. It will not pay a bus fare or a parking fee. There is just not much that one can do with a nickel today.

Yet, this nickel came to church, and it got out of a pocket and on to an offering plate.

It was just one of more than 220,000 nickels (or their equivalent) which had to be given on that Sunday to meet the budget of that church for that week. It really was not much, when considered in the light of the needs of that church, and the denomination.

Yet, there it was, right in the center of that offering plate and because it had been placed there, it had become a part of a mighty program in the Lord's work.

Part of that nickel would help support the program of that church, preaching, teaching, ministering, witnessing, in many services to the congregation and community.

Because my church sends a large portion of its income to world missions through the Cooperative Program, that nickel became involved in the tremendous world program of Southern Baptist work.

It will work in Mississippi through state missions, educational ministries, care for homeless children, service to the ill, associational work, pastoral support, church building aid, and many other activities of Christian work.

Part of it would find its way to many parts of America, and to nations around the world. It would help preach the gos-

pel, build seminaries, print the word of God and other Christian literature, send Christian preachers and teachers and doctors and nurses and other workers, into a multitude of countries. One is staggered when he thinks of all of the work that Southern Baptists are doing through their denominational mission program, and here was a nickel on the offering plate, which thus was entering into the broad stream of that work.

By itself, that nickel could do very little, but the situation changes when it becomes a part of the nearly \$20,000,000 which Southern Baptists lay on the offering plates of their churches each Sunday. (This is the total offering plate dollar, and not the mission gifts.) When

the nickel joined that offering it became a part of the whole program it supports.

It may have been a large gift, or it may have been a small gift. That depends on how much the giver could have given, and should have given. Only God knows the facts concerning this, and He will reward accordingly. Meanwhile, I continue to muse about the nickel.

It really was not very important in someone's pocket, or pocketbook, but suddenly it was thrust into a new ministry of great importance, simply because it came to church, and was dropped into the offering plate.

Its importance immediately increased when it entered the Lord's service.

An Editor Faces Some Problems

Who said that the editor has no problems? The one who says that ought to sit in the editor's chair for a few days.

Here are some of the problems which have confronted us during recent weeks:

1. Postal Increases. This probably is the most serious problem facing non-profit and other publications now. While first class postage increased by 33 1/3% in May 1971, going from 6c to 8c, second class postage rose about 30% at that time. And on July 1, 1972 it went up another approximately 60%.

Baptist Record weekly postage before May 15, 1971 was averaging about \$260.00. On that date it jumped to an average of about \$340.00. On July 1, 1972 it increased to about \$500.00. And this is just a beginning, for already we have been given a schedule of yearly increases, which will bring the postage to well above \$2,000 per week in the next ten years. We are grateful that responsible leaders in Congress are becoming alarmed at what such increases will do to non-profit publications, and a move is on to give some relief.

2. Late Copy. Almost every week we receive on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, articles and materials, which we are asked to publish in "this week's" issue of the paper. Over and over we have made it clear that materials must be in our hands not later than Monday noon if they have any chance of getting in that week's issue of the paper. It is much surer of getting in if it reaches us the week before. We do want to assist our churches by publishing their announcements on time, but can do so only if they send them to us on time. Remember, our mail deadline is the Monday morning mail, so plan your mailing accordingly. Materials mailed to us on Monday morning WILL NOT appear in that week's issue of the paper, nor can stories called in after noon on Monday be

used. Just remember this, and plan ahead and you can help us serve you better.

3. Space. One of our problems is that we receive far more material than we can possibly print, since we have only a limited amount of space. Costs prohibit our publishing more than the regular eight pages each week. Often we have enough material to fill two, or more eight page papers. This makes it necessary that we condense stories, omit some pictures and articles, and decline to use certain types of materials. It is not always easy to decide what to use and what to omit, and sometimes we do make mistakes. Let me assure you, however, that we diligently seek to be fair to our churches and our readers, and to give the best possible news coverage. However, we cannot always use all the pictures that are sent in, or in the size requested.

Sometimes the numbers of a certain type of reports and pictures simply overwhelm us. We had to quit using G. A. Coronations and Vacation Bible Schools because of this. Now we are confronted with the problem of large numbers of reports on youth choirs, church buses, youth revivals, etc. Because we are interested in all of these ministries, and want to promote them all, we sincerely are disturbed when we do not have space for full stories on every one of them. Yet the very fact that churches are achieving success in these areas, create problems for us.

Let us assure you that we earnestly are seeking to serve every church and to aid it in its program. We do try to carry at least a brief story on every activity which is newsworthy, and will be of interest to others all over the State. Please understand our dilemma if we are not able to do exactly what you want.

Do be patient with us, and pray for us, for, like you, we do have some problems.



BLOWING BEANS AT GIBRALTAR

On The MORAL SCENE...

The United States Transportation Department is spending \$82 million to test experimental methods of catching drunks on the road, of accelerating courtroom machinery and detecting and rehabilitating so-called "problem drinkers," whom the government says are responsible for most alcohol-related accidents. Government specialists and many academic experts believe about 7% of the nation's 100 million drivers cause between one-half and two-thirds of the 26,000 deaths they ascribe to drunken driving. It is this group at which the federal officials are taking aim. Charles F. Livingstone, director of the transportation department's office of alcohol countermeasures said in an interview that study after study had shown alcoholics and others who chronically drink large amounts of alcohol were involved far more heavily in fatal crashes than their proportionate share of the population would indicate. In Ann Arbor, Mich., Lincoln, Neb., Portland, Ore., and several other cities, courts are giving problem drinkers — those with a history of chronic, debilitating drinking habits — the choice of a jail sentence or required use of the drugs that bring on nausea when combined with alcohol. In Seattle, Wash., a driver's second conviction for drunken driving results in a sentence to a campus-like facility outside the city and 30 days of therapy. (By Robert Lindsey, The New York Times News Service, July 2, 1972)

Commentary On First Peter by Robert Leighton (Kregel, 511 pp., \$8.95) This is an exhaustive study of the book of I Peter. The author served both as a minister, as a professor of divinity at Edinburgh and later as a Bishop and Archbishop. Although this book has long been written, it shows rare understanding of the depths of meaning. Earnest students will find most helpful material here.

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi by Joyce Baldwin (Inter-Varsity Press, 253 pp., \$5.95) A volume in the Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries. The aim of the series is to provide a handy up-to-date commentary on each book with the primary emphasis on exegesis. Critical questions are discussed briefly, but more attention is given to the analysis and exegesis of the books themselves. The material is clearly outlined and the study is verse by verse.

MARKS OF MATURITY by Gary Bonner (Convention Press, paper, 60 pp., New Church Study Course) Slanted toward youth, this book states some basic concepts of Christian maturity, the process of becoming Christlike.

SBC Challenged

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gram. Displaying a tube of toothpaste costing 55 cents, Cooper said it was almost equal to the average of 52 cents given through the Annie Armstrong special offering for home missions last year on a per capita basis.

The tax on his purchases was about equal to the 11 cents per capita contribution to the SBC Radio-TV Commission last year, he added.

"There are so many of us now, that in aggregate our financial goals look large," he pointed out. "But broken down on an individual basis and compared with our ability to give, our financial goals do not even challenge our members," he charged.

"But I am convinced the best days are ahead for Southern Baptists," Cooper said.

"He challenged the SBC leaders attending the Executive Committee meeting to provide the kind of leadership necessary to challenge Baptist laymen to get involved and reach the potential they have individually and corporately.



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If sitting by a blue lake, or looking at tiny flowers, or pulling a fish from the water, or looking into a baby's eyes, or listening to the dripping of raindrops, or gasping at the edge of a cliff, or hearing the roar of jets reminds me that God originally created it all.

If looking at a hungry child reminds me that God gave and causes me to give the child food, that is a worship experience.

If sensing the loneliness of a friend makes me share my time for a visit in Jesus' name.

If hearing the preacher preach that, "My body is the temple of God makes me stay on my diabetic diet, these are worship experiences.

If listening to the slamming thunder and watching the leaping of lightning thrills me with God's power.

If seeing a rainbow reminds me of God's first one and the why of it.

If singing in a choir makes my heart sing, too.

If bowing my head to pray, I forget all but God.

All of these are worship experiences, for, in them, I adore God, I bless Him, I think about Him. And, from them, I come away feeling stronger and safer and surer about God. — Address: Box 9151, Jackson, 39206.

EDUCATION... what's happening

Did You Know...?

1. The first president of Harvard College (Cambridge, Massachusetts) was Henry Dunster, a Baptist? The largest early benefactors of Harvard College were Thomas Hollis, a wealthy English Baptist, and his descendants. He founded the Hollis Chair of Theology, the first in the United States.

2. Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island) in the front rank of American institutions of learning, was founded by Baptists in 1764, and the charter requires that the president shall be a Baptist?

3. The first real college in America for higher education of women—Vassar—was founded by Matthew Vassar, a Baptist?

4. George Washington University (Washington, D. C.) grew out of Columbian College, founded by the Triennial Convention of Baptists in 1817?

5. The first Baptist college in the South was Furman University (Greenville, South Carolina), founded in 1825 at Edgefield?

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NEWEST BOOKS

State Pastor Writes New Verse By Verse Commentary On Galatians

STUDIES IN GALATIANS by Robert L. Hamblin (Five Star Publishers, 136 pp., \$3.95) Dr. Robert L. Hamblin is pastor of the Harrisburg Church in Tupelo, Miss. and is one of Mississippi's best known Baptist pastors. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary and did his graduate work in New Testament interpretation. In this volume he shows his ability to interpret Scripture by presenting a verse by verse interpretation of the book of Galatians. He outlines the book clearly and then covers every verse and every word. He does not avoid any problems or questions and the person seeking an understanding of any part of this book will find a frank and clear discussion here.

The author shows that he accepts the Bible as God's revealed word and its authority for Christians and the church. In his study he is able to give the accurate meaning of Greek words and their use so that the student has understanding of exactly what the author is saying. The arguments are so dealt with that the relationship of one verse to another and one section to another is made very clear. The book of Galatians is to be the January Bible Study for 1973 for Southern Baptists and this book will be a most helpful reference book for use with that week of study. However, the book also will be of permanent value as a commentary on Paul's letter and will be referred to often as Bible students are seeking help in study, teaching or preaching of the great Galatian letter.

THEY DARED TO DREAM by Thomas A. Fry, Jr. (Word, 170 pp., \$3.95) Seventeen studies about outstanding persons who have helped to make history. The author speaks of them as people who dared to dream because of this achieved greatness. Included are such persons as George Washington, Richard Byrd, Helen Keller, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson and others. Interesting analyses are made of these individuals how their greatness was achieved.

WHEN PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS CLOSE by Martin A. Larson (Robert B. Luce, Inc., 313 pp., \$7.50) What happens to the public schools when parochial schools are closed. One of the threats made in the effort to secure federal aid for parochial education is to close the schools and place the burden of educating the children in them upon the public schools. The author makes a careful and documented study of what actually has happened when the Catholic schools have been closed with the resultant influx of the students into the public institutions. The author shows that the public school system has not been too much upset when the larger number of pupils had to be cared for in the public schools. The author also studied a large number of non-Catholic private schools and discussed with their administrators the matters of cost. These included Protestant schools and those that are not related to any religious group. In the second section of the book, the author shows that the public schools can provide adequately for students from the parochial schools, at least when Catholic parents join with the community in a determination to educate all of the pupils. The third section of the book discusses the two centuries of controversy America has had relative to tax support for private schools. There are numerous appendices and very valuable tables. This book will be a most valuable reference volume in dealing with this important subject.

THE CRAFT OF SERMON CONSTRUCTION by William E. Sangster (Baker, paper, 208 pp., \$2.95) Reprint of a notable book on preaching by a Methodist pastor, scholar of the first part of this century. Here are practical subjects on sermon building.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY PREACHING by J. Daniel Baumann (Baker, 392 pp., \$6.95) A classroom type volume which introduces the subject of communication and preaching. Every subject in-

involved in the preparation of and delivery of sermons is discussed. This is an up-to-date manual on preaching prepared to help the pastor who wants to achieve effectiveness in his preaching.

UPON THIS ROCK by Roy L. Johnson (Interchurch Printing, 1106 Southeast Pine Court, Portland, Oregon, 97216, 96 pp., paper, \$1.75) A careful study at its ordinances as revealed in the New Testament. This book shows that the new Testament emphasis is upon the local church. His emphasis is clearly the Baptist point of view and he shows the grounds for this position. He shows that all roads are not the same and that Baptists of today need to realize this and stand on the beliefs that have made them. Clear explanation is given of the ordinances and of other positions. In this day of loose thinking, even among Baptists, this should be a most helpful volume.

GALATIANS by Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr. (Baker, paper 96 pp., \$1.25) Aids and suggestions for teachers, preachers, and students of preaching on the letter to the Galatians. Each chapter gives the historical setting, the expository meaning, the doctrinal value, the practical aim, and the homiletic form of a chapter of the Galatian letter. This should be a helpful study volume to go along with the coming January Bible study for Southern Baptists. The textbook for that study Galatians, Freedom Through Christ already has been reviewed.

AMOS PROPHET OF SOCIAL JUSTICE by Page H. Kelley (Baker, paper, \$1.25, 134 pp.) Here is a stimulating study of the book of Amos. Although Amos prophesied more than 2700 years ago, what he had to say is relevant in the 1970's. (Dr. Kelley is Professor of Old Testament at Southern Seminary.)



Paul Truitt Pastor's Mother Is 107

By Anne W. McWilliams
In 107 years Sallie Reeves has never been to the hospital but twice—once for burnt fingers and once for a blood clot in her leg. In her first 75 years, she never traveled more than 25 miles from her home slightly north of Kosciusko.

Though she is a Methodist, two of her boys decided to become Baptists. Her baby boy, James Lester, even went so far as to become a Baptist preacher! (He is pastor of Paul Truitt Memorial Church in Rankin County.) And her granddaughter, Charlotte, is Mrs. Barry Landrum, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, Charlotte is the daughter of Rev. J. L. Reeves.)

Mrs. Sallie Reeves celebrated her 107th birthday on September 11 at Briar Hill Rest Home in a patch of quiet, peaceful woods near Florence. She has lived at the rest home for two years, since she was 106. Her cake this year had only one candle. After all she has lived only a little over one century!

Outside the rest home on Gunter Road, the pines and holly trees sway softly in the summer breeze. Two pet dogs slumber lazily on the sidewalk. Inside Mrs. Sallie Reeves is seated in her big comfortable rocker. She looks lovely in her pink dress and joss far younger and far more healthy than many who are years younger than she. Her white hair is pulled up into a neat knot on the back of her head and her blue eyes twinkle with good cheer. She laughs often and though her hearing is very poor and her vision is not good enough for reading or watching television, she still gives the appearance of one who enjoys life.

When she was 97 she broke an arm. About that time, her hips started wearing out, and she can no longer walk. Though the hip bones were never broken, the doctor said they were "just worn out." However, he said her lungs and blood pressure and other vital organs were still as strong as those of a very young person.

Her height when she could stand was 5'3"; she weighs about 125.

What is the secret of her long life? Her youngest son thinks she owes her long years to the fact that she learned early to relax. He says that she would always sit down for an hour or two, every day, to relax and read. She liked to read fiction and always subscribed to many magazines. She continued to read with her glasses until about a year ago, but now glasses no longer help her to see.

Sallie Eliza Wasson was born September 11, 1865, ten miles north of Kosciusko. At age 16 she married Richard C. Reeves. When her husband died in 1940, he was almost 84 and she was 75.

Sallie and Richard had nine children, six boys and three girls. One boy was born dead, one boy died at six months, and one boy died at age two and a half. Now in 1972 one boy and three girls are still living. Mrs. Reeves was 42 and her husband 51 when Lester, the last of the nine, was born (eight years after the birth of the eighth child). One Sunday they took the new baby to church, and somebody asked the father, "which of your grandchildren is that?" They kept the baby home for a while.

In her young days, while Sallie and her husband lived on their farm, she was the "medical talent" of the countryside. Since no doctors lived nearby, people would come to her when

they were sick and she would measure out medicine for them.

She made butter for sale, and worked in her garden. She sewed for her daughters and herself, and pieced many quilts. "Mama was a good cook," her son remembers, "except that she always put too much soda in her biscuits!"

After Richard Reeves died in 1940, his widow lived with various ones of her children, in California, Texas, and Oklahoma, and Mississippi. Her daughter, Ida, now lives at Weir, Mississippi, and her daughter, Ella, lives at Bakersfield, Calif. Two years ago Mrs. Reeves moved to the Briar Hill Rest Home.

She has eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

Though she is not really too much interested in food any more, she eats a good bit. She can still feed herself, but spills it rather badly because her hands do not have as much feeling in them as they should have. When the nurse started to put a bib on her at lunch time, she chuckled and said, "Don't tie it too tight!" She ate her jello and asparagus, but showed she didn't like mashed potatoes, and neglected to drink all her milk. But when she tasted the chocolate pie, she said, "That's good!"

While she sits in her rocker during the middle hours of the day, she slips little catnaps. After one of these, she looked up at her son and laughed merrily. "Well! I can't even stay awake while you're here to see me!"

Mrs. Reeves always believed in work as well as play. Sometimes when her son comes down from his church field to visit, she asks, "Why aren't you at work?" (Brother J. L. Reeves has been pastor at Paul Truitt for 18 years. Before that time he organized Gautier Church in Jackson County and was pastor of Richland Church in Rankin County. His wife is the former Mabel Wigley from Possumneck, Mississippi.)

Folk Musical By Former Jacksonian To Be Premiered In Memphis Oct. 10

"Come Together," a religious folk musical by Jimmy and Carol Owens featuring Pat Boone, is to be premiered at the Memphis City Auditorium Tuesday night, October 10. Andrae Crouch and the Disciples and two other singing groups will be featured.

Jimmy Owens, composer, arranger, and conductor, is a native Mississippian, well known in contemporary sacred music through publication, recording, and television. In his works he has used members of the San Francisco Symphony and the Westminster Sinfonia Orchestra of London.

Mr. Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Owens, lives in Glendale, California with his wife, Carol (who has written some of the lyrics in the folk musicals, "Show Me," and "Come Together") and their two teenagers. Their daughter, Jaime, sings in both of these albums. Mr. Owens' parents formerly lived in Jackson, but now are residents of Memphis.

After studying music two years at Millsaps, Jimmy Owens joined a popular dance band, but within a short time "discovered the emptiness of such a life... and through the witness of a faithful Christian and the influ-



107-year-old Mrs. Sallie Reeves sits in her rocking chair at Briar Hill Rest Home.



Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Reeves visit his mother.

On her 100th birthday, Mrs. Reeves was honored with a birthday party at Weir Methodist Church. She sat in her rocking chair at the church while 250 people greeted her and brought her gifts. When it was all over, she wasn't ready to go home!

At 107, she occasionally has days when she feels old. Not long ago she told one of the nurses, "I'm an old, old woman. I must be about 130!"

ence of a Christian home he surrendered his life and talents to the Lord's work." At an early age he had accepted Christ and became a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

His albums with vocal groups and orchestra have included songs that range from rock sounds to spirituals to contemporary country and western styles, and also old gospel favorites.

Pat Boone "Sings Golden Hymns." "These are the Things That Matter" with George Beverly Shea; "Crown Him With Many Crowns" with Jimmy McDonald, are some of the old gospel favorites.

Mr. Owens has said his main goal "is to produce music to catch the ear of a very hungry, very hip generation tuned in to their own sounds."

"Young people talk to one another through their music, he says. "It's their own form of communication and we can't overlook the vital way of reaching these kids with the gospel." This is evident in lyrics he has written which are testimony to the love and power of Jesus Christ. In "Jimmy Owens Conducts," "The Now Instrumentals with the Jimmy Owens Singers," "The Sound Investment," and "He Wants You to Fly," these messages are to be found.

"One Day I Saw Some Candles"

By Robert G. Lee, D. D.
Pastor Emeritus
Bellevue Church, Memphis
"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

One day I saw some candles in an ancient little shop where candles are sold for profit by day and burned for illumination by night — burned in a sort of scornful independence of outside and inside incandescent marvels. Candles big, candles little, candles long candles short, candles cheap, candles costly, candles blue, candles white, candles pink, candles red, candles green, candles yellow — all sorts of candles. Three kinds were there in the little shop.

I noticed the —

I. CANDLES UNLIT.

There they were, these unlit candles, boxes of them, piles of them, unbesmirched, unused. The hot lips of matches had never touched them. The kindling torch of lamp-lighter had never scorched their hearts of thread. No illuminating fire had warmed their tallow bodies. Never having burned, they had never given a ray of light to dispel any darkness. Never had they brightened the corner where they were — or any other corner. Never had they driven darkness away from any room. Never had they shown the pitfalls adjacent to any path. They had never shown the way up or the way down a dark staircase — had never gleamed from any window as an invitation to some travel — weary stranger — had never testified by night to any prodigal that forgiving love still awaited his return. Not once. They had never thrown their beams with glad abandon into "this naughty world." They had hoarded themselves as a miser hoards gold. No light — ever — had they given. No darkness had they ever scattered. No sickroom had they ever cheered by night. Candles never lit, though beautiful in color. Candles never touched by fire, and never burning, though possessing splendid possibilities. Candles never burning. Consequently, candles never blessing. Candles never spending themselves. So, candles bringing no enrichment. Candles ever hoarding themselves. Hence, candles never helping.

These unlit candles were like some people today — unlit and never letting their light shine in a world — house where many rooms are in darkness, where many stairways are perils, where many walls are confusion, where many attics are gloom, where many cellars are windowless, where many parlors and palaces are cheerless. Unburning candles in a world where dark pathways are set with traps and surrounded with horrible pits! Flameless candles in a time when some walk in darkness, talking nonsense on the edge of an abyss! Unlit candles in a world-house where thousands cry for the light — and "with no language but a cry." Unlit candles that kindle no flame on dark horizons toward which Macedonia and Patagonias look for light. Too many unlit candles about us today! Candles losing their lives by saving them. Candles useless because unlit, and not burning! Unlit candles with thousands of rooms in the great worldhouse full of darkness! Tragic truth!

But I saw other candles there. They were —

I. CANDLES PARTLY CONSUMED.

There they were, these fractionally utilized candles — smoke-stained, the cold tallow bumps still sticking to their half-used, upright bodies. Some, under the heat of burning, had become slightly bent and twisted. They had known and felt the touch of consuming fire. They had struggled against adverse winds that would have extinguished them. They had given light while they were giving up their life, and had dispensed cheer in regions of gloom.

Some had shone a little — but not much. Some had burned brightly — but only spasmodically, only flicker-burned, only occasionally. Some had burned themselves sparingly — as misers pay taxes — so inadequately. Some had burned a bit — but only a little. Some had shone a while — but not long. Some, shortened by longer burning, had given more of themselves than others — but none had given all of themselves. Some had met the bare stint of requirements — that is all. Some had shone minutes when the necessity was for hours. Some had shone one hour when the demand was for six hours. Some, feebly burning, blown to flickers by unexpected winds, had faded to lightless ineffectiveness.

As were the half-burned, partly-consumed candles so are some of us today, even many today — shallow streams that are at flood tide awhile, then brooks where no water is! Those there are who give to God who give abundantly to us the "waste drops from the cup overflowing," sparks from the hearth ever glowing. How like those half-used, slightly-burned candles are hosts today! Doing something but not much. Weighing something for God, but not sixteen ounces to the pound! Living some, but not up to the fullness of their possibilities. Using their power

and talent only occasionally, scrimpingly, lackadaisically! Measuring something for God are many, but not thirty-six inches to the yard. Multitudes striking something for God, but striking three when twelve is the demand. Tragic truth this also!

But joyfully did I see there —

III. CANDLES BURNED TO THE SOCKETS.

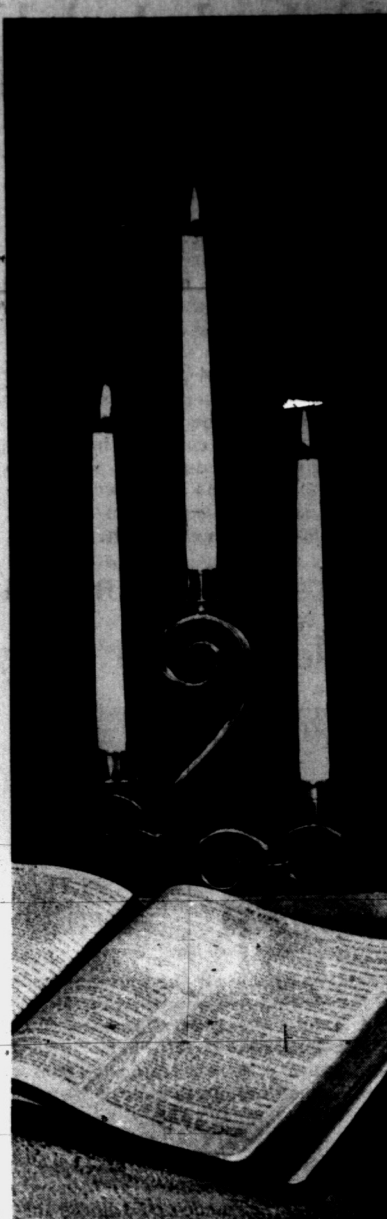
Yes, there in the little shop I saw also candles that had been burning and had burned till they had burned away. Candles that had come to mere remnants of themselves, mere crumbs of tallow, for the glory of giving light to those in the darkness of night and the shadows of gloomy rooms. Hours of darkness had these burned — to the socket candles dispelled. Sickrooms had they made softly bright, glowingly cheerful, comfortingly radiant, at night. Fragments and segments of the daytime had they brought into the nighttime. Like small ships of fire anchored on oceans of darkness, they had gleamed in service. Like miniature lighthouses, faithfully aflame on shores where darkness — bringing dread depressions — comes in from the sea and meets the darkness from the land they had thrown their beams into surrounding glooms. By their light some traveler found his way at night. By their burning some wanderer found the path to the door — and shelter. By their light some student solved his problems, some poet put the language of his heart into words, some writer made his pen to do duty glorious. By their light some nurse was assisted in smoothing rough pillows and cooling hot brows. By their shining, some weary one waiting for the dawn had been strengthened in his fight against disease. All this, and much more than this, was done by the candles burned away — burned even to the socket.

Like those consumed candles are many people today. So like some today — burning till they burn out to give others light. So like many today — being consumed that they may bless, giving themselves in utter and unselfish abandon that others might find and know and follow the paths that lead from darkness to daylight. In bondage to high and holy objectives, they burn themselves away that others might come "out of their bondage, sorrow and night into Christ's freedom, gladness and light."

Not till we are burned to the sockets can we say we have fulfilled our mission, that we have finished the work God gave us to do on this earth. Not until men and women are burned to the socket can they say that they have weighed sixteen ounces to the pound and measured thirty-six inches to the yard for God. Not until there is no tallow above the socket can we say we have lived up to the fullness of our possibilities. To escape with our lives is to lose our lives. To be burned to the socket in doing the will of Almighty God is to shine on forever — as stars that never go out, as a light that never falls, as a star whose oil never diminishes, as a star which midnight cannot dim nor hide. "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." I John 2:17.

As I looked that day, before I left the little candle shop, at the candles that had never known a minute's consuming burning, I recalled this from an old hymn:

"O the bitter shame and sorrow,
That a time could ever be
When I let the Saviour's pity



Plead in vain, and proudly answered,

"All of self, and none of Thee!"

And as I looked at the half-burned candles, the fractionally-eaten, the slightly flame-bitten candles I said:

"Day by day His tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Sweet and strong, and, ah! so patient
Brought me lower, while I whispered,

"Less of self, and more of Thee."

As I looked at the brass sockets where no remnants of the burned candles remained, I said:

"Higher than the highest heaven,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, Thy love at last hath conquered,
Grant me now my heart's desire...

"None of self, and all of Thee."

Only those who know how to burn to the socket, only those who have courage to burn to the socket, only those who know what it means to burn to the socket, know the secret of abiding shining, the perpetuity of radiant burnings, the power of consuming sacrifice, the glory of perpetual flames which winds cannot dim, which floods cannot drown, which darkness cannot defeat, which economic disaster cannot bring to bankruptcy.

And now there are candles unlit! And now there are candles partly consumed! And now there are candles burned to the sockets! These three. They abide. And the greatest of these are the candles burned to the sockets!

Church Seeks Aid For Member Who Depends On Kidney Machine

Brother Odle:
A Mississippi Baptist layman is in great need. The life of Frank Albert Adcock, member of Immanuel Baptist Church of Vicksburg, depends on a kidney machine. The \$10,000 machine has been provided by the state's Vocational Rehabilitation Department. However, over \$3,000 is needed for supplies and service.

Frank has been able to continue his regular employment; however, added insurance, special diets, and necessary building alterations have obviously over-taxed his income. Mrs. Adcock has been trained to operate the machine and prepare special diets for her husband. Therefore, she is unable to seek outside employment to subsidize their income. The Adcocks have two teenage boys.

Should Mississippi Baptists be led to help, they are urged to send their gifts to the following address: Immanuel Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Box 92, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180.

These gifts should be designated to the Frank Albert Adcock Kidney Fund. Any excess of gifts will be placed in a fund for later needs and, hopefully, a kidney transplant.

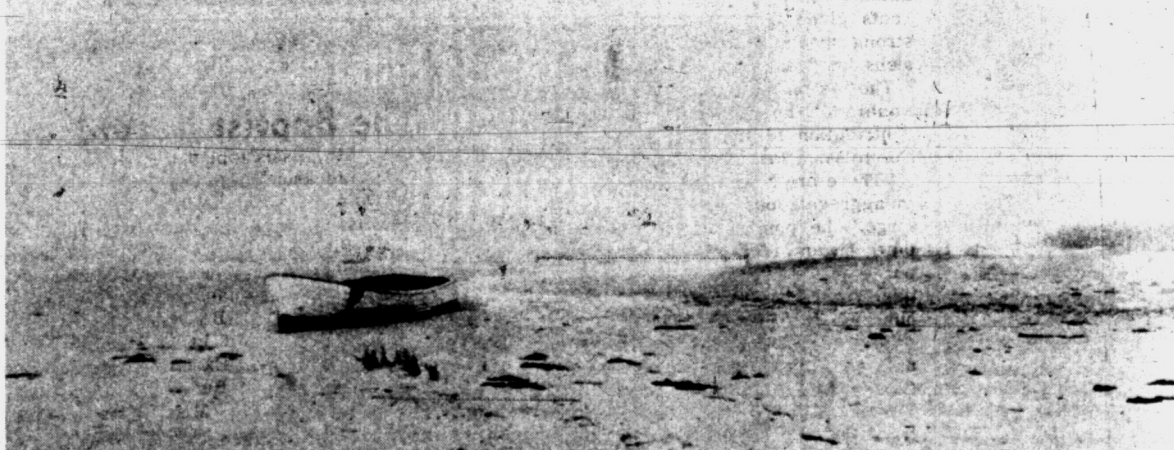
Don DeGarmo, pastor, Immanuel, Vicksburg.



Mr. Adcock, seated, and his wife are shown with their two sons, Steve and Eddie. They are members of Immanuel Church, Vicksburg.



Mrs. Frank Adcock, left, has learned to operate the kidney machine which her husband, right, must use to sustain his life.



The Summer Is Gone

The crowds are no more. Where a few weeks ago there were swimmers and picnickers there are now just an abandoned boat and a few leftover footprints. The sea

has reclaimed her beach. The Summer is gone.—(RNS Photo by Bo Van Lindt)

Youth Bible Conference Scheduled For Easter

NASHVILLE — The first Spring Youth Bible Conference, sponsored by the youth section, Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center April 16-20, 1973.

The conference is open to high school youth in the sophomore, junior, or senior year and for adults who work with youth. A special leadership conference is planned for adults who attend, but no provisions will be made for any other age group.

Young people can look forward to in-depth Bible study, fun, fellowship and music for the entire week. Bible study will focus on certain books of the Bible, doctrinal subjects and top-

ical points of interest. There also will be a major emphasis on creative worship, with a great deal of congregational participation.

"We will establish content for the Bible study areas in advance," said Franklin Farmer, supervisor, youth section, Sunday School department, "but small discussion groups will be encouraged to pursue questions that arise from these discussions."

Cost for the conference will be \$40. This fee includes registration, insurance, lodging, meals, full use of facilities, and a packet of Bible study materials.

For additional information about the Conference, contact Franklin Farmer, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

Retreat For Single Young Women To Be Held At Camp Garaywa October 20-21



Mr. and Mrs. Smith

A retreat for all single young women (working and college) will be held at Camp Garaywa, October 20-21, 1972. The retreat will begin Friday afternoon with registration at 6:00 p. m. Supper will be served at 6:30 p. m.

The evening session will begin at 7:30 p. m. Program personalities will include Rev. and Mrs. John Smith, missionaries, Indonesia; Miss Katharine Bryan, Texas WMU; Miss Kathryn Bearden, Career Consultant, Baptist Hospital; Miss Waudine Storey, Mississippi WMU; Miss Debra Brown, senior nursing student, MC; Miss Renee Richardson, Lincoln County Welfare Office.

The total cost for the retreat will be \$6.50 (\$1.50 registration per person and \$5.00 for meals, lodging and insurance). Linens will not be provided. Mail the \$1.50 registration fee to: Frances Shaw, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

Reader's Digest Plans 'Family' Motion Pictures

HOLLYWOOD (RNS) — In an attempt to counter the "sex and violence" films which are currently flooding the U.S. theaters, the Reader's Digest will begin producing family movies which reflect a "wholesome" American life.

In cooperation with United Artists, the Digest has begun production on a \$2.4-million musical version of "Tom Sawyer"—the first in a series of "family-oriented" movies.

A spokesman for the Digest said the magazine feels that millions of Americans are tired of "the bad taste in the movies being made today."

"There is a vast family audience that is being alienated by the type of movies available today," the spokesman said. "They don't go to movies anymore. The Reader's Digest feels it can provide a very useful service by producing movies suitable for a broad audience."

Clarke Twins Discover Meaning Of Ministry



Ralph and Ricky Henson, twins, were summer missionaries on Montana and North Carolina, on opposite sides of the U. S.

man in his late twenties who inquired as to who and what was going on. Ralph responded that he was engaged in a revival effort in that city, and he invited the older man to come. The man grew angry, got into his car and, as Ralph says it, "I don't know whether he would actually have hit me with that car, but he intended to really scare me. . . he came mighty close to me and I could see how angry he really was." The young missionary stood his ground, and was not really too surprised when the inquirer turned up at the revival meeting the next night!

Youth campus, family camps and Vacation Bible Schools were all part of the agenda for Ralph. He had little free time, and the travel was physically hard, but the warm and friendly spirit of the vast majority of the people, and the opportunities he had for sharing God's love made up for any discomfort. "I still miss Montana. . . I loved it. . . the summer was a great one," he said.

A counterpart across the country was Ricky Henson, Ralph's twin brother. Ricky had a unique ministry as he "stayed put" in a resort area, ministering to families as they came on vacation.

Ricky's area of service was Kerr Lake near Henderson, North Carolina, where over a million campers come each summer; and his specific responsibility was to provide worship experiences for those who wanted the opportunity for a time of spiritual renewal. According to Ricky, "People are escaping. We can't put more pressure on them and make them feel guilty when they are on vacation, so we need to take worship to them, wherever they are, and make the ser-

Today's Youth

Church Cleaning List For This Month

By Donnie Boutwell, Buffalo, New York

"Church Cleaning List for This Month." This is a sign posted on many church bulletin boards. Members are asked to volunteer for the cleaning jobs. Other churches are able to pay someone to do the jobs.

In the Old Testament there is recorded a story of how a church or temple was cleaned (II Chronicles 29:1-19).

Here young Hezekiah had inherited the throne from his father Ahaz. Not only did he inherit the kingdom, also but the results of all the iniquity and sinful acts of his father. The first thing Hezekiah did was to have the temple cleaned of idols and uncleanness.

I believe this is the type cleaning many churches need today. We don't need our pew shined; we shine them by sitting on them. Our carpets and stained glass windows don't need cleaning. What is needed is the cleaning of hearts and minds, and the renewing of fellowship.

Hatred needs to be cleaned from many hearts, for where hatred and jealousy rule God cannot and does not have complete control. When we hate and become jealous of one another we rebel against God, and this is sin.

Pride and boastfulness need to be scrubbed from our hearts by the blood of Jesus. Paul stated, "I am what I am by the grace of God." Not one single Christian can boast about his goodness or anything else. God has the power to take away just as he has the power to give.

We need also to be cleansed of our unconcerned minds and hearts. Romans 15:1-7 teaches us to love and care for one another. Jesus taught that we would be known as Christians by our love toward others.

Dag Hammarskjold wrote in his book, *Markings*, that "daydreaming is one of the most damaging sins." Some Christians spend more time daydreaming and wishing than praying for each other and lost ones.

voices informal and friendly enough that they want to come and feel welcome." The Clarke sophomore worked alone during his period of mission activity. As he puts it, "The Lord taught me a lot. I had to become self-sufficient. There was nobody there to tell me what to do or when to do it."

A time of refreshment came for both these young men when they were each visited by their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Henson really made a "grand tour" as they traversed the continent to touch lives with each son, and see first-hand the work each was accomplishing.

Now back in classes on the campus of The Mississippi Baptist Junior College, each Henson brother brings a particular zest for living to every activity, and each shares at every opportunity the satisfaction of a summer well-spent.

Hebron To Show "For Pete's Sake!"

FOR PETE'S SAKE!, a film credited as "unique in its capacity to reach out to meet the problems of people," will be shown at Hebron Church, Grenada, on Saturday, October 14 at 7 p. m. Produced on location in Denver and the Colorado Rockies by World Wide Pictures, this full-length dramatic film features special screen appearances by Billy Graham. For Pete's Sake! is a film for the entire family. The church extends an invitation to the public.

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I believe that one of the most damaging sins committed in our churches today is that of "taking sides," with one group or the other. The "good guys" sit on the right side; the "bad guys" on the left. Without God's forgiveness, we would all sit on the left, for all of us are sinners.

Then if people spent half the time praying and sharing Jesus as they do in gossiping and lying, wouldn't we live in a better world? Many times a pastor can't visit lost families because he's too busy patching up arguments between church members.

Yes, we can post a cleaning list for our church: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Smith, etc., but what we really need to clean our churches is Prayer, Love, and Leadership of the Holy Spirit.

It took a lot for Hezekiah to take this step. He went completely against his father's teachings. It may take a lot for you to do it. You may have to go completely against your own selfish feelings and give in to the Spirit of God.

Young people, you don't have to wait for adults either. Look how old Hezekiah was.

It took these men eight days to cleanse the temple. How long will it take you to help clean your church? How long does it take you to go to God in confession?

Clarke Student Worked With Migrants In The Northwest

Pam Crawford, pictured, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Crawford of Jackson, served under the Home Mission Board as a student summer missionary.

A sophomore at Clarke College, Pam had previously been selected as an alternate missionary; however, the week before the deadline, she received a call from Atlanta, asking whether she was willing to spend the summer in Washington and Oregon.

The 1971 Province High School graduate worked out of doors much of the time, holding Vacation Bible Schools for the children of migrant workers. "A lot of the things we did weren't like the Bible Schools that we have here," said the attractive young woman, "but as the parents and older children were in the fields picking peaches and cherries, we were able to work with and play with the younger children." Pam found the labor camps a different way of life than she had ever experienced. According to the young student missionary, "The people, particularly the Mexican people, were warm and friendly and very appreciative."

Pam also had the opportunity to visit the Washington State Penitentiary with the Superintendent of Missions in that area. She is still in correspondence with one inmate, and feels that this is an extension of her efforts at witnessing there.

Pam was asked whether it wasn't a hard summer away from home. "I was responsible for work. She replied, "Yes, but I would be willing to spend more summers that way. I was doing something for God."

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Youth Bible Study: On Proverbs

"NOW LISTEN MY FRIEND" IS THE 1973 JANUARY BIBLE STUDY text for youth. It is on Proverbs. Dan Kent (left), author of the book, and Johnnie Godwin, an editor in the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board, check a copy of the book, which will be available in Baptist Book Stores Nov. 1, 1972. Kent is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., and an experienced curriculum writer for the Sunday School Board.

Youths Baptized In The Sea

"I don't think being baptized in a church is much of a witness," said one of the young people in the pastor's inquirers' class at the Herne Bay Baptist Church, in Kent, England. "Why can't we be baptized in the sea?" Five others in the class agreed. So the minister, Keith Applegate, gained the approval of the church, consulted tide tables, and approached the urban district council which readily gave permission for such a service.

Nearly a thousand copies of the order of service, which included articles on becoming a Christian and the meaning of baptism, were distributed on a warm August Sunday afternoon. A Salvation Army band provided music. Before they were baptized the six young people gave testimony to their encounter with Jesus Christ and their desire to follow him.

Several persons went forward for counseling in response to the appeal at the close of the service.

MC Enrolment Continues Climb

Mississippi College enrollment figures continued to climb upwards during the past 12-months period, reaching 3,337 students, according to figures released this week by Registrar Troy Mohon.

Mohon said for the 1971-72 session which ran from September, 1971, through August, 1972, the college registered a total of 3,337 individuals, an increase of 42 over the previous high total of 3,295 recorded during the 1970-71 school year.

The regular nine-months session showed an increase of 49 students over the preceding year, with 2,857 individuals registered this past year as compared to 2,808 for the previous year.

The freshman and senior classes accounted for most of the increase, with first-year students numbering 116 more and the senior class showing a jump of 135 students. The graduate school was up by 57 students.

For the summer session of '72, there were 112 more individuals enrolled than for the '71 summer. The largest increases were in the graduate and senior class, each up by 68. Special students increased by 23, while freshmen were up by 19.

For the full 12-months, the freshman class showed the most substantial gain with 140 increase. The class jumped from 482 the previous year to 622 this past year.

BBI Students Are From 25 States

GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA — Baptist Bible Institute students entering for the fall semester come from 25 states and four foreign countries, according to an unofficial count in Dean Walter D. Draughon's office.

Three from other countries are student wives from West Germany, Newfoundland, and Germany. One young man is a year out of Poland, coming here from Cleveland, Ohio. He is the latest from a family coming to the USA one at a time since 1962.

Sixteen are from Mississippi.



Highest RA Achievement

Tommy Mayhood, 18, a member of First Baptist Church of Sugar Land, Texas, recently earned his ninth Service Aide Award for a total of 1,350 hours of volunteer missions service, more than any other Royal Ambassador has ever completed. Each award represents 150 hours of missions service in the advancement program for older Pioneers. The plaque at right is a national award presented by the SBC Brotherhood Commission for completion of the fifth Service Aide Award. Mayhood is a freshman at Houston Baptist College and is now serving as a Royal Ambassador counselor.

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Devotional

Planted Together With Him In The Likeness Both Of His Death And Of His Resurrection

By John F. Carter, faculty, Clarke College

4 We were buried into death with Him by (or through, ASV) the baptism (the baptism into the death of Christ mentioned in verse 3) in order that, like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so (by the same glory of the Father) we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together (or joined with Christ) in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection (Romans 6:4-5).

Romans 6:4 doubtless does not refer directly to the ordinance of baptism, but it does imply two aspects of the ordinance: (1) It portrays what constitutes the act of the ordinance, (2) it asserts some salient truths which are symbolized in the ordinance. But the point of these two verses is that the union of Christians with Christ involves a union in His resurrection experience as well as in His death experience. Because we Christians are baptized in, and do partake of, the sin-bearing death of Jesus, we are justified from sin; that is, we are freed from the penalty of sin (verse 8); and because we are united with Him in His resurrection, we share His victory over the one that had the power of death, "that is, the Devil" (compare Heb. 2:14). Sharing in His resurrection victory means more than that the Lord Jesus, when He returns to earth, will raise to bodily life all the Christians who shall have died. It doubtless includes assurance of that glorious anticipation; but for Christians today, union in the resurrection experience of Christ means a sharing with Him in the power by which He overcame the Devil in His resurrection victory. The exceeding greatness of the power of God, "which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead is available to us—ward—who believe" (compare Eph. 1:19-20). By this power, which the apostle called "the glory of the Father," Christ was raised up from the dead, and also by it Christians are empowered "to walk in newness of life." This newness of life is (normally) a life-experience of growth in grace, it is the path of the just, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Christians who live near to God, though not in the same spirit of pride which led the Pharisees to say in his "prayer" that he thanked God that he was not unjust or an adulterer or an extortioner (we wonder if he gave God any credit for keeping him from those practices), nevertheless have occasion every day to thank God for the availability of resurrection power to give them victory over the temptations with which Satan assaults them. This power is mediated to the Christian by the Holy Spirit. It operates for giving strength and potency to Christian witnessing and labors, as well as victory over temptation (Acts 1:8).

In order to fulfill righteousness, God the Son emptied Himself and was miraculously conceived by His Virgin mother and born a human being. He experienced temptations in all points such as are encountered by the human race, and yet He lived without sinning. He was made to be sin for the world's sinners, bearing in death their sins in His body. In the realm of death, He entered mortal conflict with him that had the power of death and came forth victoriously in a powerful resurrection. He saves unto the uttermost all who will receive Him as Saviour and Lord, living forever to make intercession for them.

"What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus, my Lord!"

REVIVAL RESULTS

Dumas Church (Tippah): August 20-27; 10 professions of faith, followed in baptism and church membership; one by letter; one surrendered to preach; one surrendered for special service; numerous rededications and other decisions; James Harvey, Walnut Church, evangelist; Silas Johnson, Plantersville, singer; Rev. Billy W. Baker, pastor.

Providence Plans

154th Homecoming

Historic Providence Church of Lebanon Association is observing its 154th annual homecoming on Sunday, October 1.

A day of worship and fellowship is being planned, including the customary "dinner on the grounds." All friends and former members of the church are invited beginning with Bible Study at 9:45 a. m.

Riverside Honors Memory Of Two

The Executive Committee of Riverside Association has passed the following resolutions:

"Allan Boyce Adams has served Our Lord and Saviour in the Riverside Association as moderator and in other offices, including his service at the time of his passing as member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from Riverside Baptist Association, and his service was rendered faithfully and impressively. Therefore, we express our thanks to Almighty God for His Grace manifested in and through Mr. Adams."

"In regard to the late Rev. John Crosby, our fellow pastor and brother in Christ: In memory of his friendship and cooperation of his services rendered as pastor in our Riverside Association, we do cherish his halloved memory, and continue to regard his passing from us. But while we feel the great loss of his presence and his services, we rejoice in reason of assurance of his great reward to which he has gone."

Off The Record

Mr. Jenkins, the timid bookkeeper had a record of perfection in attendance and punctuality at work which was rivaled by no other employee. So, one day, he shakily approached the office of his slave-driving boss to ask a favor which he felt was entirely within reason, "Please, sir, —er—ah—em—" he began.

"Speak up, Jenkins," thundered the boss. "Time's money, you know. Out with it. What do you want?"

"Well, sir," came Jenkins' tremulous voice, "I was wondering if I might take next Thursday off from work. You see, it's my wife's idea that we go away for the day; it's our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary."

"Really?" snarled the boss, glancing up from his desk. "And may I ask, Jenkins," do you think I should be asked to put up with this inconvenience every twenty-five years?"

During a lecture on science the instructor asked one student: "This gas contains poison. What steps would you take if it should by chance escape?"

"Long ones," came the reply.

Dave Barry says his wife is really hip. "Every time I take out my check-book, she says, 'Write on!'"



Richland, Plain, Begins New Building Venture

Richland Church at Plain held groundbreaking ceremonies on September 13 for a new church auditorium designed by Dean and Purcell, Architects, of Jackson. The new building will seat 900 on the ground floor, and future balcony the capacity will be 1200. A contract has been awarded Harvey Construction Company of Jackson for \$250,833, with estimated completion time to be 300 days. Church Building and Savings Association of Jackson is directing a \$300,000 bond issue with which

to erect the structure and make other improvements on the facilities. Shown with shovels, left to right are: W. H. Miller; Bud Boyles; David Dabbs, chairman of deacons; Rev. Paul B. Williamson, Jr., (dark suit and light tie) pastor; Horace Warren; Joe Loving; Vernon Neely, Chairman of Planning and Survey Committee. The new building will also provide temporary classrooms for the recent increase in Sunday school. The enrolment has grown from 560 in July, 1970, to the present 915.

Names In The News

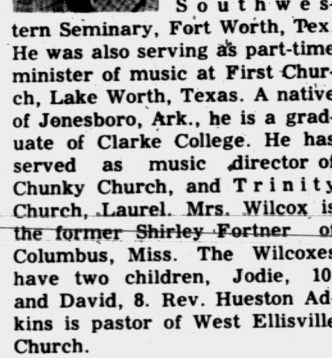


David Clark, left, and Martin Mounce, right, were licensed to the gospel ministry on September 10 by the Star Baptist Church. Rev. A. J. Face, center, is pastor at Star. David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark of Florence, has already entered New Orleans Seminary. Before surrendering to preach he had graduated from law school and was a practicing attorney. Martin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mounce of Florence, members of the Star Church, preached his first sermon on September 17. He is 16 and a junior in high school at Rankin Academy.

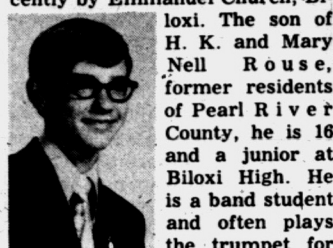
Nathaniel G. Mayhall, 83, father of Rev. David N. Mayhall, missionary to Nigeria, died Aug. 19. Burial was in Liberty, Miss. Missionary Mayhall may be addressed at 2525 Pinewood Ave., Pascagoula, Miss. 39567. Both he and his wife are Mississippians.

Harrel Wilcox, pictured, has assumed his duties as minister of music, youth and education of West Ellisville Church. On September 10 Mr. Wilcox and his family were honored with a

pounding and reception. Prior to his call to Ellisville, Mr. Wilcox was a student in Southern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He was also serving as part-time minister of music at First Church, Lake Worth, Texas. A native of Jonesboro, Ark., he is a graduate of Clarke College. He has served as music director of Chunky Church, and Trinity Church, Laurel. Mrs. Wilcox is the former Shirley Fortner of Columbus, Miss. The Wilcoxs have two children, Jodie, 10, and David, 8. Rev. Hueston Adkins is pastor of West Ellisville Church.



H. K. Rouse, Jr., pictured, was licensed to the ministry recently by Emmanuel Church, Biloxi. The son of H. K. and Mary Nell Rouse, former residents of Pearl River County, he is 16 and a junior at Biloxi High. He is a band student and often plays the trumpet for youth services on Sunday evening. His pastor, Rev. Robert Self, commends this young man to others for testimonies or other youth meetings.



Mrs. Hattie Leatherwood has received her 21st year perfect attendance pen in Sunday School at the Calvary Church, Corinth. Pictured with Mrs. Leatherwood are Emile Wegman, Sunday school director and Rev. Ralph Culp, pastor.



Revival Dates

Ruleville Church, Ruleville: October 1-5 (Sunday - Thursday); services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. John Havlik, native of Wisconsin, associate director in the Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, SBC; Robert Gray, music director of Highland, Meridian, singer; Rev. R. G. Gordon, pastor.

Sunshine Church (Rankin): Rev. James Fancher, evangelist of Jackson, visiting preacher; Al Pitts of Sunshine Church, singer; services will be at 7:30 p.m.; Booster Choir led by the evangelist at 7 o'clock; homecoming with dinner on the grounds planned for October 8; members and friends invited.



Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Jackson's Ridgecrest Church, spoke to the Clarke College student body recently, using a music motif to bring an inspirational message. The past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention captured the attention of his audience as he related the story of young Beethoven who was summoned to play before the emperor. Dr. Kelly pointed out that each Christian would have his opportunity to play before "the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords." Before that time comes, each person must find his own "Middle C" — that is, Christ must be central in his life. The Christian would also be wise to make time for the pause which, just as in music, so in life gives strength and beauty to that which follows. Finally, Dr. Kelly pointed out, each Christian must practice what he professes. Even as the master musician practices, so the Christian must make his daily life a practice of his beliefs. Dr. Kelly, above right, is shown with Dr. Lowrey Compere, Clarke president.



At right is the newly added educational building at Shiloh Church, Winston Association, Rev. Auzie Sullivan, pastor.

Shiloh Homecoming Celebrates New Building

Shiloh Church (Winston Association) observed homecoming September 24. The morning worship service was conducted by Rev. Auzie Sullivan, pastor. An old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds" was followed by an afternoon song service.

Shiloh, founded 1850, is the fourth oldest church in Winston County. The present structure stands on its original foundation. In the past four years the church has experienced remarkable growth and renovation.

Since 1969 the exterior of the church has been bricked, the interior remodeled, new windows and floor covering installed, Sunday school rooms paneled, and instructional materials added. Other furnishings include a new pulpit and communion table and a new piano.

Much of this was made possible through sacrificial gifts of both former and present members and friends.

The past year has seen the addition of a completely furnished educational building which includes a kitchen, fellowship hall, restroom facilities, and a utility room.

The most recent innovation has been the installation of a modern fiberglass baptistry highlighted by a mural.

All the labor has been contributed by the members of the community

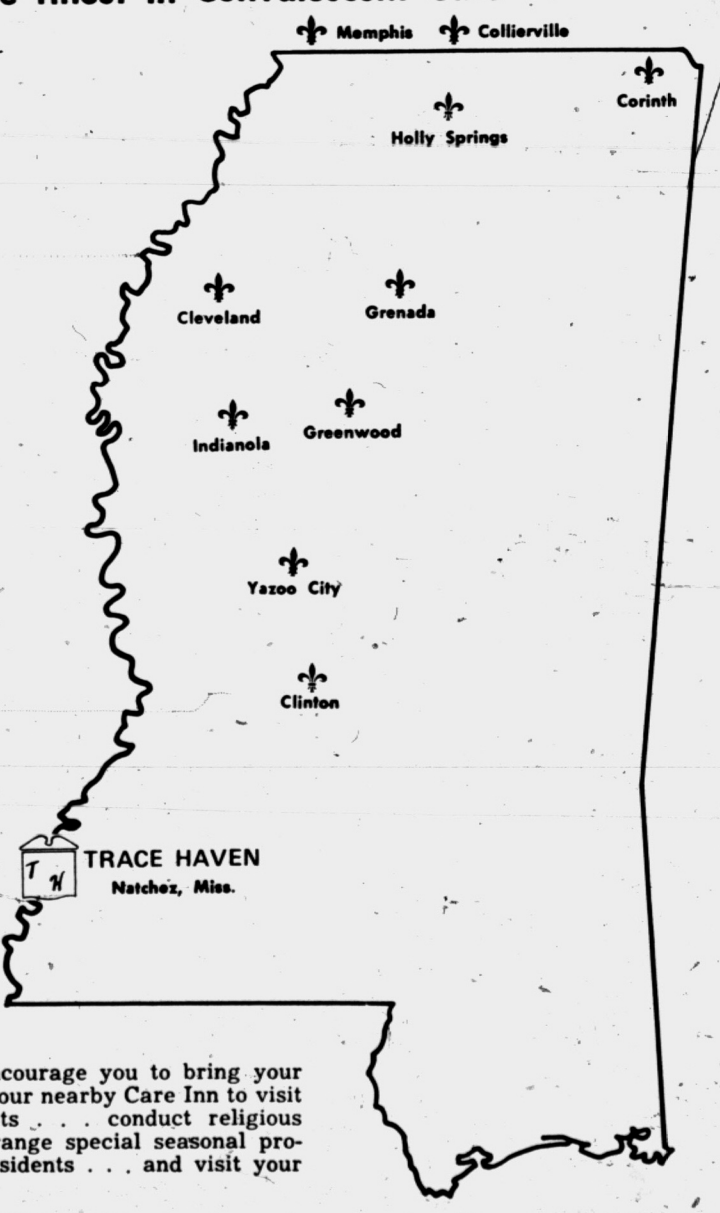
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